(ख) क्या इससे पहले ऐसा ही प्रशिक्षण शिविर आयोजित किया गया था; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो आशुलिपिकों और टंककों के लिए प्रतिवर्ष इस प्रकार के प्रशिक्षण शिविर आयोजित करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

इस्पात मंत्री तथा खान मंत्री (श्री बीरेन्द्र प्रसाद बैश्य): (क) और (ख) हिन्दी के प्रयोग को बढ़ावा देने के संबंध में भिलाई इस्पात संयंत्र में आशुलिपिकों और टंककों के लिए कार्यशाला आयोजित करने के संबंध में सितम्बर, 1996 में एक पत्र प्राप्त हुआ था। आशुलिपिकों के लिए 1987, 1990 और 1992 में कार्यशालाएं आयोजित की गई थीं।

(ग) राजभाषा नीति के कार्यान्वयन के लिए वार्षिक कार्य योजना के अनुसार भिलाई इस्पात संयंत्र द्वारा 1996-97 से आशुलिपिकों और टंककों के लिए प्रत्येक वर्ष एक कार्यशाला आयोजित करने का निर्णय लिया गया है।

Production Targets of SAIL

3156. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the target of production set by Government for SAIL and its subsidiaries for 1996-97;

(b) whether it has been achieved;

(c) if so, details thereof, metal-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (c) The target vis-a-vis actual production of saleable steel for SAIL and its subsidiaries during the year 1996-97 are given below metal-wise:—

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	Target	Actual production	Percentage fulfilment of target
Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL)			
Mild Steel	9300	8901.6	96
Special Steel	260	333.3	128
Total	9560	9234.9	97
Subsidiaries			
IISCO	362	338.6	93
VISL	86	60.7	71

(d) The reasons for shortfall in the achievement of the targets are attributable to stabilisation of modernisation facilities, sluggish market behaviour etc.

Disinvestment of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited

3157. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been 100% disinvestment of Hindustan Steel Works Cosntruction Limited, Calcutta;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received any request from the employees to refrain from such disinvestment in the interest of the HSWCL;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government to their geniune request alongwith details thereof; and

(e) if so, whether their request could not been acceded to, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Donation by SAIL

3158. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL has donated more than rupees ten crores to fifty-five sundry organisations in the past three years;

(b) if so, was there any budgetary provision for publicity or social service projects, duly approved by the Board for such donations; and

(c) the criteria of donations to these recipients?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (c) SAIL being one of the largest public sector undertakings is very often approached for donations. Accordingly, Board of Directors of SAIL provide in SAIL's budget, certain amount for donations in order to give financial help for medical, educational, cultural and sports promotional activities etc.

Each request for donation is examined on merit and availability of funds.

During the last three years, i.e. 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, donations totalling Rs. 567.35 lakhs were given. 57 organisations were granted donation by the SAIL Board in the aforesaid period.

Technology Import for Increase in Productivity

3159. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Technology of injecting coaltar into the blast furnace developed by T.I.S.C.O.;

(b) if so, improvement in productivity of the blast furnace brought about by adding this technology;

(c) whether Government has any plans to make use of this technology in public sector steel plants;

(d) the comparative operative statistics of public sector plants and T.I.S.C.O.; and

(e) whether these statistics are adverse in case of public sector plants, if so, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) TISCO has reported that Coaltar injection results in marginal increase of blast furnace productivity.

(c) Adoption of this technology by the Public Sector Units would depend on techno-economic considerations.

(d) The comparative operational statistics of public sector steel plants namely SAIL and RINL vis-a-vis TISCO for the year 1995-96 are given below:—

(e) The operational statistics of the public sector plants vis-a-vis TISCO present a mixed picture as may be seen in the table given above. Variation is on account of several factors such as technology level, raw-material quality etc.

Parameters	SAIL Plants (excluding IISCO)	IISCO	RINL	TISCO
Blast Furnance Productivity (T/Cub. M of Working Volume/Day)	0.84-1.31	0.91	1.58	1.47
Coke Rate (KG/THM)	608-749	900	533	550+63*
Energy Consumption (Giga Cal/TCS)	7.73-10.72	12.80	8.13	8.67
Labour Productivity (TCS/Man/Year)	52-123	30	174	107

*Refers to coal injection in Blast Furnace.

Export of kids to Gulf Countries for Flesh Trade

3160. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the flourishing flesh trade in Berhampur in Murshidabad where kids are openly put on sale in 'Bhikari Bazar' for exporting them to gulf countries;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into racket involved in the unsocial lucrative industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps contemplated by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.